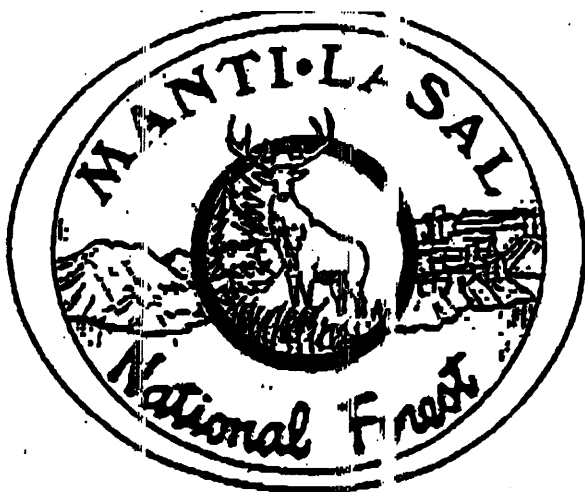


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April 24, 2006

Alice B. Carlton
Manti-La Sal National Forest
155 West Price River Drive
Price UT 84501

Attention: Bruce Ellis

Re: Mill Fork Canyon Drilling

In reply, please refer to Case No.:06-0614

Dear Ms. Carlton:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your request for comment on the above referenced project on April 21, 2006. Based on the location of the project in steep terrain, you have conducted a literature review that has indicated low potential for cultural resources. You have stated that a consultant will inventory drill locations immediately prior to actual drilling. You have determined that the project will have No Historic Properties Affected.

We agree that the project appears to have low potential for cultural resources and that pre-drilling inventory is a good way to avoid impacts to cultural resources. Although you have not explicitly stated that if cultural resources are identified by the consultant prior to drilling they will be avoided, we assume that this practice will be in place. We further assume that all identified cultural resources will be avoided, as the pre-drilling monitoring leaves little time for consultation on eligibility determinations or that such consultation will, in fact, occur prior to drilling sites considered by the consultant to be not eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. Based on these assumptions, we concur that the project will have No Historic Properties Affected.

This letter serves as comment on the determinations you have made, within the consultation process specified in §36CFR800.4. If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 533-3555 or mseddon@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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